

## **GRADUATES REFLECT ON THEIR INSITUTE EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE**

### **Fr. Gerard Charles Marable of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey-**

Reverend Gerard Charles Marable researched the ecclesiology of inculturation as he worked to develop a theology of Cross cultural Ministry as reflected in his Major Paper entitled “Toward a Theology of Cross Cultural Ministry and developed a week long seminar, “A Cross Cultural Formation Program for International Priests Serving in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey” to help international and cross-cultural priests reflect critically upon the cultural and religious milieu they were encountering in the cultural context of both church and society of the United States.

### **Mr. Fessahaye Mebrahtu of Eritrea-**

Mr. Fessahaye Mebrahtu, a native of Eritrea, and a lay minister and member of All Saints Catholic Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, completed an historical-theological essay entitled “Speaking Truth to Power: the Prophetic Voice of Archbishop Abune Philipos Mengistu exploring the prophetic ministry if Archbishop Philipos Megistu, a Eritrean bishop who was imprisoned because he prophetically called Haile Selassie I’s, King of Ethiopia, attention to the social-political inequities that did not reflect the Gospel call for social justice and freedom for the poor and marginalized.

### **Mrs. Yvonne Marie Tiandem-Adamou of Charlotte, North Carolina-**

Mrs. Yvonne Marie Tiandem-Adamou, a lay minister and member of Our of Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Charlotte, North Carolina did her research and practicum on the topic of HIV/AIDS. Her research paper entitled “HIV/AIDS in the African and African American Catholic Community” explored the church’s teachings on the consistent ethics of life, contraceptives and moral theological writings addressing the challenge that the HIV/AIDS epidemic posed for the same. In an effort to impact the need for churches to provide opportunity for its members to respond appropriately and compassionately to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic that is ravaging the Black Community in the United States and the Continent of Africa including her native home, Cameroon, Africa, she created a non-profit organization and developed a parish workshop “Increasing HIV/AIDS Awareness in the African and African American Community” on HIV/AIDS that address the medical and theological challenges posed by this medical crises.